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FROM THE EDITOR!

Yeah, it's almost that time for yours truly. I don't plan on a dramatic exit, but it would be fun, right? I've been editor of this publication at least two times prior and I was told lately that it might have been my third stint as editor. Who knows? (Not me!)

Anyway, it has been nice being the editor of this publication and I might be needed in the future to do it again, only time will tell.

I believe that Dave, W7UUU, will do a great job with this and I, for one, am looking forward to seeing a new editor with new ideas to do this for a while.

By the time this hits the webpage, we will be looking forward to the Radio Club of Tacoma's annual Awards Banquet. Let's all go and recognize the fine folks at RCT who do all the work that is necessary to make sure that the lights are on, building is in fine repair,

Property is taken care of and excess sold to generate funds and Membership data maintained. All too many jobs to itemize here, so be sure to attend the banquet if you are able and if not, read the next Loggers Bark where there will most likely be plenty of pictures and summaries of events.

So until next time, when I will finally sign off on this stint as editor.

Merry Christmas!

See you at the banquet!

73 Gary WG7X



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Radio Club of Tacoma
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7pm local time by President Mike W7XTZ.

Officers and Directors Present

President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Secretary	Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE
Treasurer	Steve Dightman AF7YD
Board	Bruce Hanson WE7P
Board	Paul Matney W7PFU
Board	Doug Schafer AB7DG
Board	Red Cranefield WB7EC
Board	Phil Pia K7PIA

Quorum: A quorum of the board was present, and a total of twenty-one members were present at the club-house or via zoom for some or all the meeting. The attendance list is attached.

Silent Key or Illness?

Warren Tilman KLORA is in an adult care facility in Puyallup, his strength is failing but his mind is intact.
Bob K7MXE is recovering from back surgery and can walk now and trying to rehab himself.
Nick K7MO is in hospital following surgery and expected to get out tomorrow.

Approval of Minutes of October 4th RCT BOD Meeting.

The minutes of the October 4th board meeting were approved as posted. Without objections the board approved the minutes of the October 18th Special BOD meeting as posted.

Secretary's Report (Mike W7MKE)

Next week is the Annual Meeting of the Radio Club of Tacoma. Ballots need to be in my hands before the meeting is called to order.

December 10th is our Annual Banquet and Awards meeting at the Collins Grange. The club will provide a turkey and ham so bring your favorite dish as it is a potluck.

Treasurer's Report (AF7YD)

Steve AF7YD reports his October report reconciliation is still in progress as the month ended just yesterday. (Secretary Note: Steve was able to complete his reconciliation and supplied me the written report which is attached to these minutes.)

Steve has been checking banks because our Chase Bank Branch is closing in November and when we have new club officers in January, which would be a good opportunity to change banks, if needed. To get better rates for our funds, Steve has been checking on interest rates at banks. HomeStreet Bank here near the club is offering 5% on an 18-month CD. Also, WE7P suggested looking at www.Treasurydirect.gov. Some US Treasury instruments with terms of 1 to 12 months may have rates up to 5.5%.

After considerable discussion about options and timing, President Mike appointed an ad hoc committee of Steve AF7YD, Mike W7MKE and Doug AD7DG to make a report to the BOD at the December meeting on what to do with our funds and if we should change banks.

Committee / Reports**Membership & Salmon Run (W7XH/K7GRS)**

Mike W7XH reports club membership is currently 322. Membership renewals are up to 113 returned and 169 still outstanding. Historically once records are purged January 1st, we lose 40 – 50 members.

Salmon Run is going well. Another check came in today and to date we have collected about \$9780 in donations with about \$300 of pledges outstanding. In kind donations have been about \$3000.

Mike W7XH suggested that for next year we have a Salmon Run committee to plan the event. Perhaps letting people earmark their donations so they could have some idea of how their donations will be used, or other ideas.

VE (John AC7WW's written report follows)

Friday, October 20th your VE Team traveled South to JBLM. There were 12 candidates, 24 exams were graded with 13 passed. Five Technicians joined the Amateur Service, 2 candidates passed element 2 and 3 to become Generals, 3 upgraded to general. One upgraded to Extra. One candidate failed element 4.

Mike, W7XH

Rob, K7TGU

Stephen, AD7AB

The next scheduled test session is Tuesday, Nov14th 2023. Time to be determined.

Info Tech, Website & 4th Wednesday (WB4SPB)

Randy WB4SPB reports all systems nominal. He wanted to mention some changes will come to the website as he updates the content manager from one version to the next. The appearance will be different, but Randy will try to keep it the same as possible.

Randy cannot do a 4th Wednesday this month as he will be out of town. If anyone wants to host, please let him know.

HF Operations(K7PIA)

Phil K7PIA reports all stations operational. This is the month for sweeps. CW sweeps are this coming weekend and Adam W2NCC has recruited operators for that event. On the 18 - 19th are phone sweeps, let Phil know if you are interested. He can get the station setup. Lots of DX, check www.ng3k.com for DXpedition schedules. We are still working on the VHF/UHF station, some digital issues still to be resolved. He reminded everyone that this station is not just for Emcomm, it is also HF capable.

Mike W7MKE has joined the HF committee. On November 19th the HF committee will meet to discuss HF operations, needs and budget for 2024.

Facilities Mgmt (W2NCC)

No report

Property Mgmt (WB7EC)

Red WB7EC reports that in October we took in \$106. He has new donations from Salmon Run that may be useful to the club so he urged committee members to check to see if the club would like to retain these items or to dispose of them. He wants a written request from a committee chair if they want something off this list. Steve AF7YD wanted to retain the transceiver and power supply for an Emcomm go kit and for training. We also have an IC-718 that was set up for POTA that can be used for training. BJ WA7WJR indicated he would get familiar with that rig so it could go out.

Red WB7EC moved to dispose of the items listed on the PMT disposal list (attached). Motion was seconded by Mike W7MKE. **Motion passed** without objection. Once again, disposal means that PMT can give to a club committee, sell the item, or recycle it, whatever is most beneficial for the club. Red stated that by the end of December PMT will start packing up for the Mike and Key event in March so please let Red know if you will help or want to buy something before it goes to M&K.

Museum (KD7SV)

Dan KD7SV reported that last week was the phone portion of Classic Exchange and Randy WB4SPB and Dan made 8 contacts and on Sunday Dan made some DX contacts to Europe using the Drake TR-4 .

The donated HQ-145 that Dan thought was inoperable, because of a timer issue, is not broken, but does need some minor work costing about \$40. Dan wants to give it to PMT for disposal once it is restored. Dan is still researching a modification on the Drake L4B which he cannot figure out.

Dan wanted to emphasize some operating issues for the SB200 amplifier now with the Flex. Do not use it for FT8 unless you set the Flex delay correctly. The Amplifier does not key instantly so needs a Flex Delay. Also, for all amplifiers, make sure the VOX is turned off. Dan does not know if the ALC has been set on either the Flex or the IC-7610 for the amplifiers and that should be done.

Planning Committee (AD7MA)

Manny AD7MA reported he is getting this new committee up and running and he has five members: Mike W7XH, BJ WA7WJR, Deanna WA7DCX, Becky KG7FZH, and Dave AC7KP. They plan the first meeting on November 6th via Zoom that will be for just the committee this time. He encourages club members to make recommendations to: planning@W7DK.org.

POTA (WA7WJR)

BJ WA7WJR reports he did a quick activation yesterday while he is visiting his mom in Texas. Last month's W7DK POTA group made 30 contacts at the Flaming Geyser Park. For the future, he is hoping to make reservations at a park with cabins or yurts. Most of these rentals must be for two days. He is hoping some members can help with rentals. He may try to co-ordinate one of these POTAs with a "Freeze Your Buns Off" or a Winter Field Day event.

General Meeting (W7UUU)

Dave W7UUU reported the November 8th Annual Meeting presentation will be Phil Moscinski, N2EU, doing "Introduction to 3D printing for radio amateurs."

Unfinished Business

Steve AF7YD reported he passed the lead to Manny AF7MA for the inventory format. Manny reported he has two goals: to make sure we have a proper accounting of our inventory and list the Stuff we want to insure vs. not insure. Two, we need an annual inventory update. Our current inventory does not have serial numbers for many items. Also, there are many items that we do not know where it is. He wants to get bar code labels for all our equipment which will make inventory updates easier.

He wanted to know if we should use the existing inventory and have each committee update it OR do we begin from nothing? He was leaning toward using the existing inventory list and updating it.

New Business**Accept/reject/debate Updates to Standing Rules based on October 18th Special RCT BOD Meeting (W7XTZ)**

President Mike mentioned what the Standing Rules are: Items of policy that do not raise to the level of Bylaws but give us precedents and directions for consistent decision making.

Mike W7XH stated there were changes to membership rules regarding what happens to family members and thought that this change should have been brought to the membership. Doug AB7DG pointed out that the verbiage in the Standing Rules is now consistent with the Bylaws. Mike W7MKE moved to accept the revised Standing Rules as posted after the October 18 Special BOD meeting.

Motion was seconded by Doug AD7DG. President called for a roll call vote. All members present voted aye, Bruce WE7P and Adam W2NCC were absent. Motion Passed. The Standing Rules are posted on our website under the Governance Tab. [Ed. note: visible to members who are logged in]

Activity Reports, Discussion Topics, Announcements

JOTA (Jamboree on The Air) Report. Mike W7MKE reported on the event that took place at the Scout's Camp Thunderbird west of Olympia, WA. Larry Richardson K7LBD, Stan and Lorraine Nelson (K7DKK and K7LJN), all active Pierce County ARES and W7DK members brought equipment and did the setup. We had four stations but only two were in operation as we did not really have enough licensed control operators. One HF station that I took control of and one mostly VHF station that Stan and Lorraine mostly operated. The setup was in a cabin so was a dry location with commercial power.

Steve AF7YD reported on Camp Quest Northwest event that is upcoming in January. As the Club's Treasurer he will purchase the manuals and the VE testing for the kids. We did not budget for the ARRL license fee of \$35 per applicant. ARRL will reimburse the payee, these fees to first time applicants that are under 17 years old.

After discussion, it became apparent that it was not necessary to decide to increase the budget at this time. In January, the CQ Northwest committee will have better knowledge of the actual costs and can ask the BOD for additional funds if needed.

In support of this event Dave W7UUU told of GigaParts Jump Start program. He has arranged for kids that pass their license tests to receive a \$69 HT radio (from GigaParts) that has simplified programming.

Dave W7UUU will be the new editor of The Logger's BARK starting January 2024.

Adjournment at: 9:05 pm local time

Submitted by



Michael Drorbaugh – W7MKE
RCT Secretary

Radio Club of Tacoma
Annual Meeting Minutes
November 8th 2023

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Board	Bruce Hanson WE7P
Board	Paul Matney W7PFU (not present)

Meeting Called to Order at: 7 pm local by President Mike W7XTZ**Appointment of Election committee to count ballots (W7XTZ)**

The president appointed Randy WB4SPB chairperson, along with Dave AC7KP, and Mike W7XH to the Election Committee.

Flag Salute Led by Leonard KA7NWF

Quorum? No

A total of 27 people attended the meeting in person or via Zoom. There were 25 voting members present. The attendance list is attached.

Welcome and Acknowledgement of New Members and Visitors (Please introduce yourselves)

President Mike welcomed Den Niles WV7S who is actually a current member who lives in Olympia and can only visit the club here infrequently.

Health and Welfare/Silent Key & Illness

Steve AF7YD stopped in to see Nick K7MO at his care facility today. He is in rehabilitation for an unknown duration. He is anxious to see visitors if it fits your schedule. See the whiteboard at the clubhouse for information.

Diane Sim W7SIM is having shoulder surgery this week.

PJ Hicks N7PH is also in a rehab facility in Federal Way.

Ellen Hardin AI7FP is having knee replacement surgery either today or tomorrow.

PROGRAM (Speaker introduced by Dave, W7UUU)

Phil Moscinski, N2EU, doing "Introduction to 3D printing for radio amateurs." pmoscinski@gmail.com. Phil is on the list of ARRL Club Speakers so that's how Dave found him. Phil was licensed in 1978 in NYC right downtown. He's had his call since 1979. He came to the Seattle area in 1991. About 7 years ago he moved to NE corner of WA State near Kettle Falls / Colville, WA area. He started 3D printing in 2014 and uses it frequently to make knobs or fittings for radios. He built his first printer from parts.

A few highlights of his presentation that included a lot of the nomenclature of 3D printing.

3D is a manufacturing process

Create 3D objects

Creation is Additive (one layer at a time)

Works like a printer that has an X & Y axis but also has a Z axis so is 3D as it lays down layer atop layer

Some Nomenclature:

Fused Deposition Modeling = FDM

Fused Filament Fabrication = FFF

SLA = Stereo Lithography

SLS = Selective Layer Sintering

DLR = Digital Light Processing

Some 3D Printer Mfgs:

Prusa Research

Creality (highly recommended) a few hundred dollars, excellent community, and good 3D print quality.

Formlabs does the laser resin printers figure \$2000+

Lots more mfgs.

Secretary's Report (W7MKE)

Our Annual Christmas and Awards Banquet will be on December 10th starting at Noon at the Collins Grange located at 3404 120th ST E. Tacoma, WA 98444

It is a potluck so please bring your favorite dish. The club will provide turkey and ham main dish.

Committee chairs, please remember to submit a budget at the January Board meeting for your committee. We've been lax in doing this in years past and we need to get with the program.

Correspondence has been routine this month with ballots and membership renewals the primary items.

Treasurer's Report (AF7YD)

Steve AF7YD reports we are current on our monthly bills. For details of financials, check the minutes of the Board meetings which are available online in the members area.

Committee / Activity Reports**Membership (W7XH/K7GRS)**

Mike W7XH reported our membership is at 322 members. We've processed about 200 renewals so far so about 125 members have not yet renewed for 2024.

Salmon run has collected all but about \$100 of the pledged donations. It has been a hugely successful year with 104 members contributing.

Training (AD7AB)

No Report but there is a large enrollment for the Technician Class this coming weekend.

VE REPORT by John AC7WW

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Stephen, AD7AB

The next scheduled test session is Tuesday, Nov14th 2023, 5:30 and 7:00pm

HF Operations (K7PIA)

Phil K7PIA reports that all HF stations are operational. ARRL phone sweeps is coming up the 18th-19th. If you want to work in this contest let Phil or Adam know. Phil scheduled a HF committee meeting on the 19th to work on the budget and future HF planning.

Repeater Operations (N7OMS)

No report

IT Report / 4th Wednesday (WB4SPB)

Randy WB4SPB reports all systems nominal. For 4th Wednesday Randy is out of town but you can Zoom in at the regular time and discuss any issues of interest.

Museum (KD7SV)

Dan KD7SV reports the L4-Bi has a 10-meter, 11-meter trap installed. Dan wants to remove this which makes it an L4-B. This is one of the last of this Drake line and only about 200 of these units were made in 1977-78.

Property Management (WB7EC)

Red WB7EC reported that in October we took in \$106. We've received our registrations for Mike & Key and are signed up for our same three tables. They will soon begin to pack up for M&K.

Facilities Management (W2NCC)

Adam W2NCC reports our new gate is installed.

Bark Editor (WG7X)

Mike W7XTZ reports that Dave W7UUU will be the new editor. Dave plans a new look for The Logger's BARK. Look for an exciting issue in January. Current editor concurs and welcomes Dave to this new position. (Ed.)

Planning Committee (AD7MA)

Manny AD7MA reports they had their first committee meeting Monday night with a good discussion on the scope of the activities. They plan another meeting to finish creating their plan for going forward. The purpose of the committee is to plan for the future of the club. How do we reach out to including more Hams, especially younger people, that are needed to replace our aging membership going into the future.

Unfinished Business**RCT Property Inventory (AD7MA)**

Manny AD7MA reported that he distributed a plan and a request to do inventories within each committee. He has a plan to use bar codes for our inventory that once in place will make future inventories much easier. Manny wants to get inventories from the committees by November 18th.

New Business

Randy WB4SPB reported the following election results for 2024 positions. Those elected are:

Vice President Adam Barbera W2NCC

Secretary Gary McAdams WG7X

Board Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE

Board Paul Matney W7PFU

Board Doug Schafer AB7DG

Announcements/show and tell/ traffic & Tuning

BJ Rollison WA7WJR plans a POTA Event for Sunday Nov. 19th, 11am to 3pm at Manchester Park in Pt. Orchard, WA

Dave W7UUU reported working Antarctica, Botswana, and other African Countries all on CW. Dave reports EM1U will be in Antarctica through June on FT8.

Excellent propagation on many bands now so check it out.

Mike W7XTZ thanked all those who ran for office and those who help at the club.

Adjournment at 8:53pm

Submitted by



Michael Drorbaugh – W7MKE

RCT Secretary



This month's topic: A moderator's work is never done!

Hello everyone and welcome back to the QRZ News You can Use column! As a staffer of the largest ham radio site in the world and Director of the QRZ Forums, every month I hope to bring you behind-the-scenes info on the workings of this great web site that most hams use in one way or another.

Many folks who peruse and post in the QRZ forums often wonder just how does the moderation work exactly in terms of “moderation actions and punishments”. Do unpaid “free” members get the same treatment as XML Level, Premium, Platinum, and Life Members? Are the moderators applying the same rules to all users? The short answer is: YES—every user of the site is held to the same standards of rules as every other user. In fact, even paid staff such as myself, or Todd KG7MAK in Customer Service, or any of the other employees are held to those very same standards of behavior when posting in the forums.

One of the things I learned early on as a Moderator at QRZ is that *no one ever bothers to read anything in the way of site rules!* It seems to be an immutable fact. There is very a detailed accounting of all site rules at this link to the [“Code of Conduct”](#). It never fails to amaze me when users are surprised at having a post removed by one of the moderators for a simple rules transgression that’s clearly spelled out. But the reality is, most users have likely never even seen this link much less read it through.

Site moderation itself is very structured these days. Once upon a time, 6 or 7 or more years ago, there were a few “big dog” moderators who proudly carried their “Ban Hammers” to the forums every day. Moderation was often capricious or vague. Some of the moderators in earlier days would moderate based on how much they liked or disliked a single member, doling out favoritism to friends and inflicting rage on those they disliked. One such moderator was known for site-banning users who simply had a different opinion than they did in some topic. Another former moderator would edit the words posted by those he was arguing with in order to “change what he said” for the sake of winning the argument! There was little to no cohesion in approach and methods, and the moderators largely acted independently, never discussing the task at hand as a group.

That sort of behavior isn’t uncommon in the world of social media, and QRZ while better at handling it due to being a smaller community, was never immune. The site management is always torn between keeping moderators around to do the job while not throttling their every move and thus drive them away.

These days it’s a very different environment. While I’ve been a moderator for a number of years, and

Principal Moderator for over two, this year site founder Fred Lloyd, AA7BQ, decided to restructure the moderation system entirely. At the first of the year he created the position Director of Forums and offered me a position as a staffer to head up the forums side of the QRZ publishing business—a position I happily accepted. It's paid (lightly) and fills a nice niche in my status as a “newly-retired”.

My first task was to assemble a team of trusted moderators, to work in a unified effort to help improve and stabilize the QRZ forums user experience. No more rogue moderators doling out punishments on whims. None of that stuff. There are officially some 23 moderators on my team working in various capacities. Some handle very specific roles such as dealing with user issues with the QRZ Logbook system, and working with DX stations across numerous languages in setting up their accounts (we have staffers who are native speakers of Japanese, Russian, and Spanish). There are also forum-specific moderators who handle small groups of technical forums or just single forums such as the Amplitude Modulation forum, the Maker's Corner forum, and other specialty areas. But the majority of the discussion forums are handled by four of us: Myself as Team Leader and Principal Moderator, Hart K8VHL who wears a number of hats and is my second in charge, Tom W9YW, and Josh WX7JM who seldom posts, but lurks the forums as a “silent moderator”. There are others who are former lead moderators but now are emeritus status: Bob W4PG, Tony K6BBC and a couple others. They no longer moderate directly although they still have the badge.

A few years ago I created a special hidden forum just for moderator discussions regarding ongoing kerfuffles among members and discussing rules violations and possible user thread-reply bans or site bans. This forum is very important to the team moderation system we have built. No bans are ever issued without a group discussion and review of the actions leading up to the ban being considered. Unlike the old days, when all moderators had “the ban hammer” and used it as they saw fit.

Hopefully this gives some insight into the way QRZ Forums moderation is handled and how the team works behind the scenes to keep the forums a safe and inviting place for all.

That's it for this month! 73 to all and see you next month

Dave
W7UUU



Now for something completely different, from our Vice President Adam W2NCC!

Club's New Icom IC-7610 Radio

It's been a journey to get there but it was worth it in the end. It took over a year, but the club now has a new HF radio. After speaking to club members and doing research I decided to purchase the Club an Icom IC-7610. At the June 2023 board meeting I handed over to the club a brand-new IC-7610. The scope of the project included the 7610 radio, 32gig memory card, quick start guide, and 2 external monitors.

It started with observing club members reluctant to use the club's software-controlled radio. The familiar VFO knob replaced with a mouse pointer. Front panel controls have now transformed into menus, sub-menus, sidebars and buttons. There are club members that have totally embraced this new way of controlling a rig. The club has a second station in the HF room. This is an old rig with no band scope and the radio is not intuitive to use with basic functions nested in sub menus.

It was clear that the club needed another radio, a radio that could connect both worlds front panel control and have the ability to be controlled using software. There were obstacles to overcome like who would purchase the radio, I mean where would funds come from? What radio should be purchased?

Many club members have used the club's Icom 756 Pro III at the clubhouse and on Field Day. The IC-756 Pro III has been discontinued as of January 2009; almost 15 years ago. Even today, this is a very popular radio with many of our club's members. Successor to the IC-756 Pro III was the IC-7600 and now is the IC-7610.

The 7610 represents a new level of RF engineering as an SDR (Software Defined Radio). It has two completely separate and independent receivers, the spectrum scope can be split into two independent scopes, MAIN and SUB, which can be displayed side-by-side or stacked, and the radio supports an external display monitor. Icom offers Remote Control Software supporting the 7610 radios. The RS-BA1 software makes it possible to monitor and control the transceivers locally or remotely. This radio can be operated using the radio's front panel controls or from a computer using RS-BA1 software. According to eHam.net reviews, the radio has an average rating of 4.5 out of 5 and the radio is also praised for its solid all-around performance. The IC-7610 offers outstanding features at an amazing price.

Funding the project:

The project was funded uniquely by purchasing an estate sale of electronic equipment with the proceeds going to the purchase of the new radio. A few online searches were made and an estate up for sale was found. A purchase was made using \$500 of personal (W2NCC's Ed.) seed money to kick start the project. The estate was South of Portland, 5 hour round trip drive, with many items in boxes and bins. My truck was

not big enough to transport all of the items in one trip. Realizing a trailer was needed, I reached out to Mike W7MKE for assistance. We made the trip and returned with his truck and trailer fully loaded. For the next 18 months boxes and bins piled waste high took most of a bay in the garage.

The process of sorting through the boxes began. The Ham gear and test equipment were sold first. Many of the specialty items took time to find buyers. As word spread about the new radio project for the club, members began donating money and radio gear for me to sell to support the project.

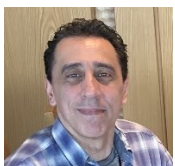
Special thanks to Mike Isakson W7XH and Bob Purdom AD7LI for their generous cash contributions. Much appreciation to Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE for his time helping with getting the estate and donated equipment. Also, a huge thank you to Al Ferguson N7OMS for his donated equipment and time including the purchase of the 2 new monitors.



New Icom IC-7610 with monitors.

Conclusion:

Anyone who has ever achieved anything has had to face many obstacles and this project was no different. Each step was a process beginning with Radio selection, funding approach, equipment testing and sales. The whole process took longer than expected, in the end, success! The club has a winner with a new Icom SDR radio with intuitive touch-screen. The radio can be controlled using PC software and can be front panel controlled. The project was completed with no cost to the club. The feedback has been awesome receiving rave reviews from club members. The radio has been used at Field Day, Salmon Run, ARRL CW and Phone sweepstakes. Club members are using the radio during Saturday morning open house checking into nets and getting on the air making contacts.



Adam Barbera – W2NCC

The Mighty DK's!

Monthly QSO Report

Each month in the *Bark* the Radio Club of Tacoma recognizes the members and guests who have made non-contest QSOs using the HF stations at our clubhouse. Saturday Open House, especially, is a time when members have access to this equipment. Why not sit down at one of our operating desks and make a contact or two? Assistance is almost always available for those unfamiliar with the equipment, and if your license class doesn't permit HF operation, ask the denizens of the HF Room or the Saturday clubhouse host to help you find a suitably-licensed control operator to sit with you.

It's a feather in the club's hat for the call sign of **The Mighty DK** to be heard on the airwaves. So get on the air and get your name in the *Bark*! (Don't forget to enter your call sign as the operator into our logging program.)

Clubhouse QSOs November 1 through November 30, 2023:

Randy WB4SPB: 1

Dave W7GEL: 2

Robert KK7PNV (guest op): 4

Phil K7PIA: 5

Al N7OMS: 7

Mike W7MKE: 71

Do you need help with some area in ham radio?

Here is a place..... First is the listing of areas of support,
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Elmer Board

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Name/Call Sign /Phone Number/ Topic

1. Technical questions, Classes	Adam W2NCC 360-870-7894 (4,5,6,7,11)
2. Help with Code	Al N7OMS 253-495-9068 (10,12)
3. License Examinations	Dave N7HT 253-363-1692 (1,2,4,6,8)
4. Antenna and Station planning	Dave W7UUU 253-820-0890 (2,4,6,9) and more
5. Antenna and Tower erection	Gary WG7X 253-327-0503 (1,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12)
6. Buying new or used equipment	Mike W7XTZ 253-405-8095 (6,8,10)
7. Equipment repair	Phil K7PIA 253-307-4781 (9,10,12)
8. Understanding and operating your equipment	Randy WB4SPB 253-761-9391 (2)
9. DX and Contests	Stephen AD7AB 253-212-9437 (1,3,4,12)
10. Club and ARRL activities	Steve AF7YD 253-988-0878 (4,5,10,12)
11. Using test equipment	
12. IRLP , Digital, SDR, ARPS, Winlink, Vara, Satellite	

THE CLUB LINEUP

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